Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 09 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 10 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 09 Jan 2021 at 02:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a few days of less cold but windy, cloudy conditions with some rain and snow. Increasing confidence for a return to dry, bright, cold weather on Tuesday with light winds.

Headline for Saturday 09 Jan 2021: Cloudy with light sleet and snow developing, mainly western areas. Bitterly cold, windy on tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 09 Jan 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Sleet	Sleet	Light snow	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	60%	80%	70%	20%

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Weather: Dry for much of the morning but becoming increasingly cloudy. Light snow later in morning and during afternoon, most persistent over Monadhliath mountains and towards Creag Meagaidh. Snow will turn to rain in the afternoon at lower levels with sleet higher up for a time. Snow level lowering again during evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% at first with most of the clouds above the tops. Cloud bases steadily lowering during the morning to about 600 to 700m with chances of cloud-free tops in afternoon mostly over northern aspects of Cairngorms.

Visibility: Good in the east of area during the morning but turning misty in the west. Visibility will reduce to less than a kilometre as sleet and snow edges in.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	29/37 W	39/51 SW	39/52 SW	40/53 W	30/38 NW	27/34 NW	25/32 NW
900	31/36 SW	38/46 SW	38/47 SW	38/48 SW	21/28 W	19/25 NW	17/23 W
600	17/25 SW	24/32 SW	26/35 SW	25/35 SW	14/20 W	11/16 NW	12/17 W
300	4/16 SW	8/23 SW	12/29 SW	12/29 SW	6/14 W	4/12 W	5/11 W
Glen	7/24 SW	7/28 SW	7/27 SW	6/25 SW	4/19 NW	3/15 W	2/13 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-16	-5/-16	-4/-15	-3/-13	-3/-12	-6/-15	-7/-16
900	-3/-12	-2/-12	-2/-11	-1/-9	-1/-8	-3/-10	-4/-11
600	-2/-9	-1/-8	0/-8	1/-6	1/-4	-0/-5	-1/-6
300	-3/-5	-0/-4	1/-4	2/-2	2/-0	0/-2	-0/-3
Glen	-2/-7	-0/-5	2/-3	3/-1	3/1	1/-1	-0/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	200m	600m	800m	700m	400m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Combination of strong winds and sub-zero temperatures will make it feel bitterly cold on higher ridges and summits.

Forecast for Sunday 10 Jan 2021

Weather: It will be a cloudy day with outbreaks of rain with snow confined to highest tops. The rain will be most persistent in west of area and accompanied by extensive hill fog. Continuing to feel bitterly cold on higher ridges and summits due to strong winds, temperatures close to freezing and some wet weather.

Maximum wind: Westerly winds with average speeds increasing to 40mph and gusts 60mph in the afternoon over higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, mostly in east of area. Extensive cloud cover about 600 to 700m.

Visibility: Pockets of good visibility in east, especially northeast of area. Generally misty in the west with poor visibility in association with more persistent rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1000m rising above the tops in the afternoon.

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